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Stara Zagora Airfield (June 1952)

1. The Stara Zagora airfield is located approximately four kilometers south of Stara Zagora, about one kilometer south of Kolyu Ganchevo village (N 42-23, E 25-38), and 50 meters east of the Stara Zagora-Khaskovo highway.
2. The Stara Zagora airfield is 2.5 by 3 kilometers in size. The road entering the field is paved with cobblestones and branches off from the highway in the center of Kolyu Ganchevo village. [redacted] a runway was built here during 1952, [redacted]
3. The Stara Zagora airfield includes the following installations:
  - a. Eight hangars;
  - b. A small repair shop;
  - c. A control tower, with a meteorological station beneath it;
  - d. Three 2-story stone buildings, one of which is used as headquarters and includes the telephone facilities of the base, and the other two are used as barracks;
  - e. A 10-bed infirmary;
  - f. A first aid station, equipped with an ambulance;
  - g. Radio equipment; [redacted]

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h. Landing lights [redacted]

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4. [redacted] three or four guarded guns located three kilometers south of Stara Zagora airfield, and believed to be antiaircraft guns.
5. Single and group flights take off from the field every day and night; night flights are more common. [redacted] single- and twin-engine aircraft taking off from Stara Zagora airfield [redacted] 1, 2

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Kumaritsa Airfield (February 1952)

6. This newly-constructed airfield, three by four kilometers in size, is located approximately 2.3 kilometers west of the village of Kumaritsa (N 42-48, E 23-20), and 7.8 kilometers northwest of Sofia. [redacted] the only one road leading to this airfield. It connects Kumaritsa village to the airfield; it is still under construction and approximately half of it has been surfaced with gravel. 25X1
7. The longest runway at Kumaritsa airfield runs in an east-west direction and is approximately 2.5 kilometers long and 60 meters wide. It is made of 2-meter square concrete sections of an unknown thickness. Two smaller runways running northeast-southwest and northwest-southeast, intersect the large runway at its half-way point, and are each 1,000 meters long and 30-40 meters wide. No aprons or taxi-strips have been built at this airfield.
8. Two brick barracks buildings are under construction at Kumaritsa airfield. One had been completed to the second floor, and the other had just been started. There are no barriers surrounding the airfield. Security details are assigned to Trudovak soldiers working at the field. The runway is camouflaged with local flora.
9. Kumaritsa airfield is not at present in operation. [redacted] it will be the largest and most modern airfield in Bulgaria. 25X1

Krepost Airfield (July 1952)

10. A new airfield is located five to six kilometers east of the Krepost railroad station, two to two and one-half kilometers northeast of Krepost village (N 42-01, E 25-35), eight to ten kilometers northeast of Khaskovo, and six to seven kilometers west of Uzundzhovo village (N 41-58, E 25-39). 4,5

Miscellaneous Airfields

11. [redacted] 25X1
- a. Vrazhdebna military and civilian airfield; 6
- b. Krumovo military airfield; 7
- c. Marino Pole military airfield; 8
- d. Kazanluk military airfield; 9
- e. Ovoshnik military airfield (also known as one of the two Kazanluk airfields); 10
- f. Bezmer military airfield; 11 and
- g. Yambol military airfield. 12

(A sketch included as Appendix A, based on [redacted] drawing [redacted], shows the location of the airfields listed in Para. 11 above.) 25X1

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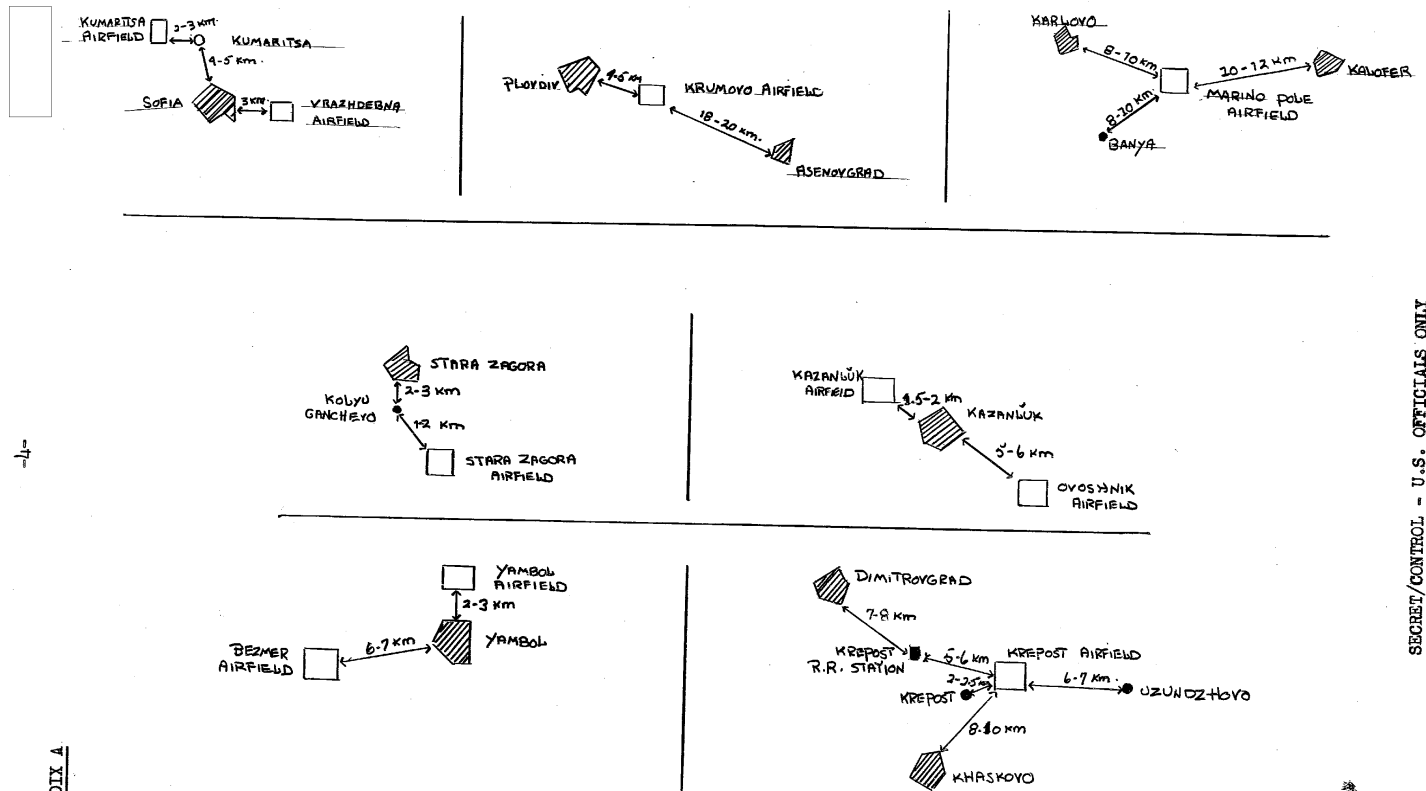
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1. The Stara Zagora airfield has variously been reported to be in or near the villages of Zora (N 42-26, E 25-41), Mogila (N 42-23, E 25-43), and Kolyu Ganchevo (N 42-23,

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